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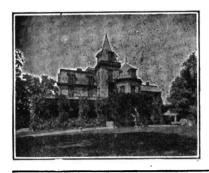
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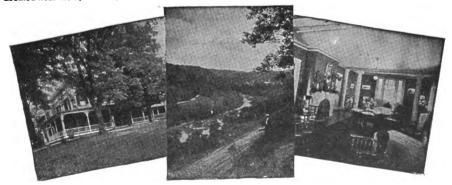
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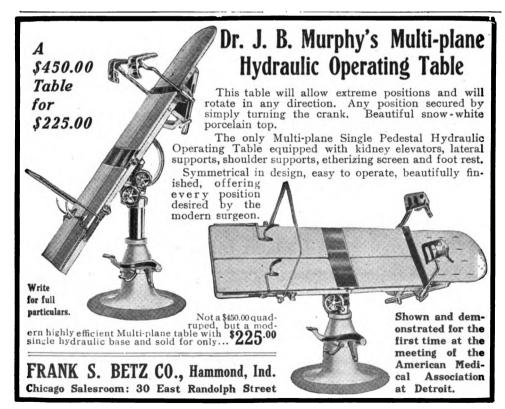
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ANTERIOR POLIOMYELITIS EPIDEMIC.

During the past month the medical profession as well as the lay public has been aroused by the report of numerous cases of anterior poliomyelitis or infantile paralysis, in this country. While there have been cases of this disease noted in the past few years there has been no outburst or overwhelming number of cases such as have been reported within the past six weeks and at the present time, no improvement in the condition is noticed. An occasional or sporadic case of this disease has been noted in various parts of the United States, yet the eastern portion, especially New York, has reported by far the largest number of cases. At first it was thought the disease would be confined to or was a city disease but it was not long before cases were diagnosed in outlying communities and in the rural districts. It may be possible these latter cases were infected by children taken from a thickly populated center. Whatever the status of the infection is, the disease has been developing with an alarming rapidity so that physicians and city authorities are becoming thoroughly aroused as to its extensive prevalence and are eagerly endeavoring to do everything possible to eradicate the epidemic.

Following extensive research in this disease at The Rockefeller Institute, Flexner has announced that a filterable, micro-organism has been isolated which is the causative agent of anterior poliomyelitis. The virus of the disease is constantly present in the central nervous system and upon the mucous membrane of the nose and throat and intestines in persons suffering with this disease. The virus has not been found in the blood of these patients. Transferring the disease by inoculation from

one animal to another, has been successfully demonstrated. The house fly, flea, mosquito, milk, water, garbage, etc., have all been held to be the conveyors of the disease but it is held by those working in this field that the most likely method of transmission of this acute infectious disease is by the body discharges, especially those from the nose and mouth. The efforts of the health departments of the cities to clean the streets, remove garbage and refuse, is most necessary for the health of the community and teaches sanitation and prevention of disease but in infantile paralysis, further caution needs to be exercised. A strict quarantine and screening from insects of such a patient is imperative as well as keeping the patient and his attendants from coming in contact with those who have not been exposed to the disease. Transmission of the infection is also effected through kissing, sneezing, coughing and candy sucking. Every person, child especially, who has an unnatural nasal discharge, should be under the care of his family physician until the discharge has stopped. The elements of personal cleanliness and hygiene play a most important part in the prevention of the spread of the disease and public meetings for the instruction of parents for this purpose should be held under the supervision of the health department, in every city and town. In many places these departments are utilizing the daily press and pamphlets to acquaint the people with these facts. Fortunately, the disease has not appeared extensively in our state as only a few cases have been reported but we should not have a secure feeling of immunity to this peculiar infection and disregard the precautionary measures. In some cities play grounds and moving picture theatres have been closed to children. Whether these restrictions are necessary or not is debated by medical men but illustrates some of the precautionary methods which are being taken in the effort to check the epidemic.

The proportions of the epidemic may be better understood when it is seen that approximately 3500 cases with over 700 deaths have been reported from New York City.

In regard to the treatment, there are definite lines to be followed. As yet very little, if any, benefit has been obtained from any serum although recent current notices bespoke of one with much promise. Meltzer of The Rockefeller Institute, advises the intraspinal injection of 0.5 cc. of adrenaline, which treatment may be given every four or five hours. It may save life and in the cases that live, the extent of the final lesion is thought to be lessened by the action of the drug. Urotropin is utilized in the early stages of the disease. The affected limb should be kept at rest during the acute stage of the disease as much permanent harm has been done by starting massage, passive motion and electrical stimulation before the active process has subsided. The part often re-

gains much of its lost function even at a late period, making it difficult to say what amount of paralysis will ultimately remain.

The following directions were issued in New York to those entering a suspected district:

- 1. So far as possible, wear clothes that can be washed.
- 2. On returning from the making of visits, wash hands and face at once, and frequently during the day.
- 3. Use antiseptic nose and throat douches at the slightest suggestion of a cold or irritation in the throat.
- 4. If you are accustomed to use an ordinary tooth powder, substitute for it during the present epidemic an antiseptic dentifrice.
 - 5. Shampoo the head at least once a week.
- 6. Keep a close watch upon your general health and report promptly to your physician and your superior officer any suspicious symptoms.
- 7. See that door knobs, telephones, and other frequently handled objects in your office are washed daily with a disinfectant.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SESSION.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1916, 8.30 P.M.

The 118th Annual Meeting of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland was called to order in Osler Hall at 8.30 p.m., the President, Dr. J. W. Williams presiding.

The first paper of the evening was by Dr. J. W. Williams, the President, whose subject was "Dispensary abuse and certain problems of medical practice." Dr. W. S. Thayer then made a few remarks in connection with the presentation of Dr. W. D. Councilman's portrait which was accepted by the President on behalf of the Faculty. The third paper of the evening was "Delivery by abdominal section" by Dr. E. P. Davis, of the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa.

The meeting then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1916, 10 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. J. W. Williams, and the following program was carried out:

- 1. Medical quackery during the Middle Ages, Dr. Pearce Kintzing.
- 2. The use of nitrous oxide and oxygen in obstetrics (American twilight sleep), Dr. E. H. Kloman.
- 3. Intussusception in acute intestinal obstruction, with report of a case of intussusception caused by round worms, Dr. Alexius McGlannan.
- 4. The limits of bleeding considered from a clinical standpoint, Dr. B. M. Bernheim.
- 5. Transfusion of blood in the emergency cases of ectopic pregnancy, Dr. E. H. Richardson.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1916, 2 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. J. W. Williams, and the program was as follows.



- 1. The treatment of gonorrheoal epididymitis by intramuscular injections of antimeningococcus serum, Dr. A. E. Goldstein.
 - 2. Sacro-cervical suspension for prolapsed uteri, Dr. A. H. Hawkins.
- 3. Alimentary dilatation (illustrated), Dr. Fenton B. Turck, New York. (By invitation of Dr. J. C. Hemmeter.)
- 4. Further observations on the use of Scarlet Red in the treatment of peptic ulcer, Drs. Julius Friedenwald and T. F. Leitz.
- 5. Transfer of the Baltimore Quarantine Station to Federal control, Dr. J. A. Nydegger. (By invitation.)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1916, 8.15 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. J. W. Williams, at 8.15 p.m., and the unusually interesting papers read were:

- 1. Some further reflections of a medical teacher, Dr. W. D. Councilman, Harvard Medical College, Boston, Mass.
- 2. The artificial production of monstrosities (Illustrated), Dr. E. R. Stockard, Cornell Medical School, Ithaca, N. Y.

The meeting then adjourned to the Banquet Hall for the Annual Smoker, which took place at 10 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1916, 10 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by the President, Dr. J. W. Williams and the following program was presented:

- 1. Spinal anaesthesia, Dr. Herbert Blake.
- 2. Sacral anaesthesia in ano rectal diseases, Dr. Arthur Hebb.
- 3. Mastoiditis. A study of 100 cases, Dr. J. W. Downey, Jr.
- 4. Direct laryngoscopy, bronchoscopy and esophagoscopy (illustrated), Dr. R. H. Johnston.
 - 5. The pathology of bladder tumors (illustrated), Dr. A. G. Rytina.
 - 6. Some remarks on prostatectomy, Dr. A. M. Shipley.

The voting for the two members for the State Board of Medical Examiners at 12 o'clock resulted in the unanimous reëlection of Dr. Herbert Harlan and Dr. H. L. Homer.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1916, 2 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. J. W. Williams, at 2 p.m., and the following program was carried out:

- 1. Isaac Ridgeway Trimble Lectureship. History of the white race in its relation to sanitation (to be continued), (illustrated), Surgeon-General William C. Gorgas, Washington, D. C.
 - 2. Exstrophy of the bladder (illustrated), Dr. Randolph Winslow.
- 3. Some cases of plastic and reconstructive surgery (illustrated), Dr. J. Staige Davis.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1916, 8.15 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. J. W. Williams, at 8.15 p.m., and the following program was carried out:

- 1. Isaac Ridgeway Trimble Lectureship. History of the white race in its relation to sanitation (illustrated), Surgeon-General William C. Gorgas, Washington, D. C.
- 2. Gunshot fractures encountered during a year's service with the American Red Cross in France (illustrated), Dr. Roades Fayerweather.

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

APRIL 25, 1916, 2 P.M.

The 53d meeting of the House of Delegates was called to order at 2 p.m. in the Small Hall of the Faculty Building on April 25, by the President, Dr. J. W. Williams. Dr. J. Staige Davis acted as secretary pro tem. assisted by Dr. G. M. Linthicum. There were present Drs. J. M. Spear, T. H. Brayshaw, J. S. Bowen, C. P. Carrico, E. E. Wolff, W. S. Archer, W. R. White, J. L. Lewis, J. A. Ross, A. A. Parker, W. Brinton, J. T. King, C. F. Burnam, Gordon Wilson, J. M. H. Rowland, J. H. Pleasants, Standish McCleary, J. S. Davis, Hiram Woods, G. M. Linthicum, Charles O'Donovan, Peregrine Wroth, Jr., Randolph Winslow, H. B. Stone, H. L. Naylor, W. J. Todd, J. W. Williams, W. S. Gardner and Herbert Harlan.

The reports from the various officers were read as follows:

Report of the Secretary: read by proxy.

Report of the Treasurer: Dr. W. S. Gardner.

Report of the Council: Dr. Hiram Woods.

Report of Delegate to American Medical Association: Remarks made by Dr. J. H. Pleasants.

Report of the State Board of Medical Examiners: Dr. Harlan made a tentative report as Dr. Scott, the secretary, was too ill to attend.

A motion was made by Dr. J. S. Bowen, and seconded, that as soon as Dr. Scott made his full report it be submitted to the Council and adopted as his formal report to the Annual Meeting.

Report of Committee on Scientific Work and Arrangements: Dr. J. M. H. Rowland.

Report of Library Committee: read by proxy.

Report of Finney Fund Committee: read by Dr. J. W. Williams.

Report of Auxiliary Congressional and Legislative Committee of the American Medical Association: Dr. Herbert Harlan.

Report of Committee on Medical Education: Dr. Herbert Harlan.

Report of Committee on Public Instruction: Dr. Emil Novak.

Report of Committee on Midwifery: Dr. Mary Sherwood.

Report of the Memoir Committee: read by Dr. Linthicum.

Report of Committee on Fund for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Members: Dr. J. H. Robinson.

The meeting then adjourned.

AFRIL 26, 1916, 9 A.M.

The 54th meeting of the House of Delegates was called to order at 9 a.m. in the Small Hall of the Faculty Building by the President, Dr. J. W. Williams. There were present Drs. J. M. Spear, T. H. Brayshaw, J. S. Bowen, M. D. Norris, C. P. Carrico. E. E. Wolff, I. J. McCurdy, W. S. Archer, W. R. White, J. L. Lewis, L. A. Griffith, W. H. Fisher, W. Brinton, J. T. King, J. M. H. Rowland, W. A. Fisher, Jr., Roades Fayerweather, Standish McCleary, J. S. Davis, Hiram Woods, G. M. Linthicum, R. Lee Hall, Charles O'Donovan, Peregrine Wroth, Jr., Randolph Winslow, J. W. Williams, J. I. France, W. S. Gardner.

It was moved by Dr. Brinton, seconded by Dr. Linthicum, that the House of Delegates recommend to the State Board of Medical Examiners that a fee of \$5.00 instead of \$15.00, as is at present being charged, be charged when a physician is given a transfer to go to another State. This was discussed by Drs. Griffith, Mc-

Cleary, Woods and O'Donovan. It was moved by Dr. Woods, seconded by Dr. Winslow, that the House of Delegates refer Dr. Brinton's motion to the Council, and that the Council after consideration refer its recommendation to the State Board. Carried. Dr. Linthicum then moved, seconded by Dr. R. Lee Hall, that the House of Delegates recommend to the Council that a fee of \$5.00 be charged for a transfer to another State. Carried.

The following officers were nominated:

President, Dr. Guy Steele, Dr. H. L. Naylor.

Vice-Presidents, Drs. A. H. Hawkins, D. E. Stone, Sr., J. M. H. Rowland.

Secretary, Dr. J. I. France.

Treasurer, Dr. W. S. Gardner.

Committee on Scientific Work and Arrangements, Drs. A. M. Shipley, W. A. Fisher, Jr., H. B. Stone.

Council, Drs. H. Woods, L. F. Barker, G. M. Linthicum, from Eastern Shore (vote for one) R. Lee Hall, H. G. Simpers.

Delegate to American Medical Association, Delegate, Dr. R. Winslow, to fill unexpired term of Dr. Taneyhill, deceased, Delegate, Dr. J. H. Pleasants, Alternate, Dr. J. S. Bowen.

Library Committee (vote for five), Drs. John Ruhräh, H. B. Jacobs, Harry Friedenwald, R. B. Warfield, Randolph Winslow, L. F. Barker.

Finney Fund Committee, Dr. R. B. Warfield.

State Board of Medical Examiners, Drs. Herbert Harlan, H. L. Homer, Howard Bratton, T. H. Brayshaw.

It was moved by Dr. J. S. Bowen, and duly seconded, that a ballot list be prepared by the Secretary for voting for officers at the next meeting of the House of Delegates. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

APRIL 27, 1916, 9 A.M.

The 55th meeting of the House of Delegates was called to order by the President, Dr. J. W. Williams, at 9 a.m.in the Small Hall of the Faculty Building. The roll call showed the following present: Drs. J. S. Bowen, Philip Briscoe, Howard Bratton, E. E. Wolff, I. J. McCurdy, W. R. White, W. H. Fisher, J. A. Ross, J. M. H. Rowland, Standish McCleary, Hiram Woods, G. M. Linthicum, R. Lee Hall, W. S. Archer, Charles O'Donovan, Peregrine Wroth, Jr., Randolph Winslow, J. W. Williams, J. I. France and W. S. Gardner.

Dr. J. A. Nydegger had asked to present to the House of Delegates the question of transferring the Quarantine Station at Baltimore to the United States Government. His request was granted. Dr. Nydegger stated that there was a general movement throughout the country to transfer Quarantine Stations to the United States Government. He reported upon the very serious and deplorable health conditions in Europe as a result of the war and pointed out the danger which would arise after the close of the war when emigration to this country starts.

Baltimore Quarantine Station is inadequate as it can accommodate only 65 persons. Dr. Nydegger said that it would be very serious if a vessel should arrive with a cholera patient among say 1600 passengers. He said further that the Government agreed that if the Station were transferred it would take care of Dr. Richardson, the physician now in charge, and further that it would also take care of smallpox, cholera and typhoid cases for the city at the rate of one dollar per day; or the Government would be willing to buy the Station and thoroughly renovate

it. After Dr. Nydegger's report it was decided to take up the question under the head of new business.

Dr. Randolph Winslow moved that Dr. Alexius McGlannan be nominated as a delegate to the American Medical Association. Seconded by Dr. O'Donovan. His name was then placed upon the ballot.

Dr. Linthicum moved that Dr. Winslow be nominated and the Secretary cast a ballot for him as delegate to the American Medical Association in place of Dr. Taneyhill deceased. Ballot was cast for Dr. Winslow.

Ballots were distributed for the election of officers.

Dr. O'Donovan moved that a separate vote be taken on the members of the State Board of Medical Examiners. It was ruled by the President that this would be done.

The question of the number of nominees to be recommended by the House of Delegates to the Faculty was then taken up. Dr. Woods moved that the House of Delegates nominate for the State Board only two men to be voted on by the Faculty.

Dr. Brinton expressed the view that more than two could properly be recommended. Dr. Gardner expressed the view that the House of Delegates was really a nominating committee and should nominate only the required number. Dr. Linthicum stated that the nomination and election of the members of the State Board of Medical Examiners was in the hands of the Faculty and the House of Delegates merely had the privilege of making suggestions and that any number might be suggested. Dr. Williams read from the Constitution Article IX, Section 2, that the House of Delegates should nominate members of the State Board of Medical Examiners to the Faculty. The President said that the question was merely whether we should nominate two or more and asked for a vote on Dr. Wood's motion. Dr. Wilson made the point that the House of Delegates representing the whole state could make further nominations because the House was the representative body. Dr. Woods stated that it was the function of the House of Delegates to nominate as a body. The motion of Dr. Wood's carried. Dr. Brayshaw and Dr. Bratton withdrew their names and Drs. Harlan and Homer were nominated by the House of Delegates.

The result of the election was then announced:

President, Dr. Guy Steele.

Vice-Presidents, Drs. A. H. Hawkins, D. E. Stone, Sr., J. M. H. Rowland.

Secretary, Dr. J. I. France.

Treasurer, Dr. W. S. Gardner.

Committee on Scientific Work and Arrangements, Drs. A. M. Shipley, W. A. Fisher, Jr., H. B. Stone.

Council, Drs. Hiram Woods, L. F. Barker, G. M. Linthicum, R. Lee Hall.

Delegates to American Medical Association, Delegate, Dr. R. Winslow, to fill unexpired term of Dr. Taneyhill (deceased), Delegate, Dr. A. McGlannan, Alternate, Dr. J. H. Pleasants.

Library Committee, Drs. John Ruhräh, H. B. Jacobs, Harry Friedenwald, R. B. Warfield, L. F. Barker.

Finney Fund Committee, Dr. R. B. Warfield.

It was announced by the President that the election of Dr. Steele as President left a vacancy on the Council after January 1 and it was moved that the Secretary cast a ballot for Dr. Simpers as member of the Council in place of Dr. Steele. Carried. The Secretary did cast a ballot for Dr. Simpers.

The question of the transfer of the Quarantine Station to the United States

Government was then taken up. Dr. O'Donovan moved that it be the sense of the House of Delegates that the Quarantine Station be transferred from the city of Baltimore to the United States Government and that a resolution be drawn by Drs. Williams, O'Donovan and France to that effect. Carried. The resolution was drawn as follows:

"Resolved that it be the sense of the House of Delegates of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland that it will be desirable and advisable for the city of Baltimore to transfer the Quarantine Station of the port of Baltimore to the United States Government. Such transfer would, in the opinion of the House of Delegates, result in greatly increased facilities at the Quarantine Station, would increase the usefulness of this Station to the city of Baltimore, and to the country at large, and, by such transfer, the city of Baltimore would be following a wise precedent established by the other large seaport cities.

"Be it further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Mayor and City Council."

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

"Resolved: The Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland desires to record its appreciation of the incalculable service rendered to the science and art of medicine by the publication of the Index Catalogue of the Surgeon's General's Library, now nearing the completion of the second series of volumes.

"The Faculty earnestly hopes that the publication of this Catalogue will be continued in a third series along lines similar to those followed in the existing first and second series. The progress of medical science and art is dependent upon knowledge of medical literature, and there is no bibliography of medicine, or indeed of any other subject, so complete and admirable in arrangement as that of the Index Catalogue. We should regard the cessation of the publication of this catalogue as nothing less than a calamity."

It was ordered that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Librarian of the Surgeon-General's office.

The report of Dr. McGlannan from the First Aid Conference was read as follows:

Report of the Committee on First Aid of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland.

The committee held a meeting Wednesday, April 26, 1916. Dr. Hawkins presented a report on the answers to the questions proposed by the National First Aid Conference.

Dr. Craighill reported on the work of first aid by the police department of Baltimore. Dr. Craighill's report has been printed in the Maryland Medical Journal.

The replies to the questions of the National Conference were indefinite. Apparently the meaning of the questions was often misunderstood and the answers accordingly are confusing. For this reason no categorical reply can be made and the following is therefore substituted.

1. The majority opinion, as deduced from these answers, is in favor of the use of a one-half strength tincture of iodine as a disinfectant for accidental wounds with the distinct understanding that this drug is to be used by the physician and not by the laymen. The iodine solution to be poured into and around the wound, without the use of any other form of disinfection or cleaning. The wound then to be covered with sterile gauze and absorbent dressing and bandage.

2. The majority opinion is against greasy dressings. A powder, for example, stearate of zinc, is recommended for burns, to be used as a dusting powder and the wound left exposed to the air or simply protected by a veil of gause.

It is insisted upon that both these recommendations apply only to the treatment of wounds by the surgeon.

It is recommended that for purposes of study first aid be divided into three kinds:

- 1. Amateur. That supplied by laymen in general. For use by such persons the material provided should be limited to a supply of sterile gauze and the triangular muslin bandage. The first aid packages of the American Red Cross Association contain all the material that is required for such first aid. Instruction in the use of this material is all the training in first aid methods that should be given to the general public. Foremen of gangs of laborers, of shops, etc., department heads in mercantile establishments and others holding similar positions of command should be instructed in the use of this material.
- 2. Police. This would include first aid treatment and instruction as applied to uniformed and disciplined bodies of men and women. The instruction should be more thorough than in the preceding class and include the application of extemporized splints, control of hemorrhage, artificial respirations and resuscitation of the apparently drowned. The use of drugs and instruments should not be included in this instruction. This class should be given their instruction in first aid methods as part of the general training for the service to which they belong.

3. Professional. That given by physicians and trained nurses, including the members of the Hospital Corps of the Army, Navy and Public Health Service.

It is further recommended that hospitals and those physicians who do much accident surgery, keep a record showing the period of time between the infliction of the injury and the treatment of the patient by the physician, and also the character of first aid treatment, if any, given during this period. The first aid treatment to be classified as Amateur, Police or Professional.

If this last recommendation is followed we hope to secure a sufficiently large series of cases, followed to their ultimate result to prove the value of first aid in accidental wounds. At present the opinions of those who should know are so widely separated that no definite information for or against the employment of these means can be obtained.

Respectfully submitted,
ALEXIUS McGLANNAN,
Chairman.

Dr. O'Donovan moved that the report be received and the committee continued until prepared to make a final report.

There being no further business the House of Delegates adjourned.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council has held seven meetings during the past year. Most of the work has been routine, the details of which will be presented in the reports of committees. The attendance has been larger than in previous years, the members of the Council showing every disposition to further the work of the Faculty.

There is a marked falling off in the number of suits for alleged malpractice as compared with previous years. Only two members of the Faculty have applied to the Council for defense. In both cases the request was granted.

The Public Instruction Committee has continued its work without interruption, in spite of the fact that only a small part of the state appropriation has been paid. Practically all of the \$1000 paid was used for this, but the work had to be curtailed as the Faculty was short of funds. There was general public interest in the Health Exhibit in Baltimore in March. Exhibits have also been held at Westminster and on the Eastern Shore.

The death of Dr. Cordell necessitated the election of a Faculty Historian. Last spring Dr. R. B. Warfield was chosen and accepted the position.

The Trimble Lectureship Fund, having accumulated enough interest to justify a lecture this year, the Council asked Dr. Thayer to take charge of the selection of the speaker. We have been fortunate enough to secure Surgeon General Wm. C. Gorgas who will speak Thursday afternoon and evening.

During the session of the Legislature of 1916 two bills were brought to the attention of the Council; one the Midwifery Bill, offered by the State Board of Health, the other, known as the McCusker Bill, House Bill No. 24. Neither bill passed. The former contained many improvements over the present bill, especially regarding the education of midwives. The latter was a measure forbidding physicians to dispense their own medicines. As far as the Council could learn, it was a purely commercial scheme. Other medical legislation will appear in appropriate committee reports.

It seems evident that we will have to enlarge the scope of the BULLETIN and provide more reading matter in order to secure an adequate number of proper advertisements. Dr. Magruder, who was appointed Editor, May, 1915, and a special committee have the matter now under consideration.

The residuary bequest of the late Dr. Charles W. Ellis, of Elkton, came to the Faculty in January of this year through the death of Mrs. Ellis. It consists of sixty shares of stock of the National Bank of Elkton. Its market value is something over \$30,000. None of the interest of this fund has yet been spent.

On the whole, the past has been a very successful year in the Faculty's history. The fact that the Council has so little to report outside of routine matters is an excellent indicator of the way our work is progressing. There is still a great deal to do in some of our county societies. All of them have entire control of their own local affairs subject to such equitable restrictions as are imposed by the rights of individual members as regards their standing in the State Society and the A. M. A. The matters are all covered by our Constitution; but from time to time there have arisen questions which the Council has had to take up with different societies. They have all been adjusted without trouble. In two counties, Charles and St. Mary's there are no medical organizations. Local conditions are largely responsible for this state of affairs. Garrett County has affiliated with Allegany.

HIRAM WOODS, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

It gives me great pleasure to present the report of the librarian and I wish at the same time to call attention to the very satisfactory work of Miss Noyes and her assistants.

The library has been conducted as in the past as efficiently as the funds at the disposal of the committee would permit. With but a small amount of money the committee has not found it possible to extend the work very much and most of the purchases outside of the current journals have been in filling up the journal sets



and in the purchase of some of the larger systems that are beyond the reach of the students and practitioners. Of the latter class Kolle and Wassermann's splendid eight volume work on *Immunity and Bacteriology* has recently been ordered.

The income from the Finney Fund has helped greatly and the members of the Finney committee have met with the library committee and done much towards facilitating the work of the library. I would suggest that as far as possible, the members of the two committees be made interlocking in order to have the greatest possible coherence in the direction of the expenditure funds at the disposal of the library.

The Book and Journal Club has also helped greatly and particular thanks are due to Dr. J. A. Chatard for his efforts in keeping the club going.

We should like very much to increase the interest in the library and its work, and the suggestion made in previous years that funds like the Finney Fund be established or that members put our name in their wills for the purpose of establishing memorial funds for the purchase of books along certain lines. The Baker Fund in therapeutics may be mentioned as an example and the income from this takes charge of this branch of medicine very satisfactorily.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN RUHRÄH,

Chairman.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

Never, since our removal to this building has the work gone so smoothly as in 1915, and it is a great satisfaction to report an increased use of the Library. There were 3128 readers and 1620 books were borrowed for home use, which is an improvement over the low water mark of the previous year. The list of readers does not include so many members of the profession as formerly, possible due to the fact that many more men are forming libraries for themselves, but a great many students avail themselves of its privileges. This is probably due in part to the Library note which has been printed on the notices of meetings sent out each month, and partly because the Library Rules have been amended to allow for a freer circulation of the books. So far, under the new régime, which has been in force ten months, no books have been lost. More county members than usual have borrowed books this past year and 36 volumes have been loaned us by the Surgeon-General's Library. Every effort is made to procure books applied for by our members. The number of foreign periodicals on file is somewhat less than usual, owing to the great war, and in consequence the number of bound journals is much smaller than it should be. Numbers of journals which miscarried at the outbreak of the war are still difficult to replace, but since that time the journals that have continued publication have come quite regularly. Several new American journals have been subscribed for-two of these are published in Baltimore and cover important branches of medical science.

The excellent portrait of the late Wm. T. Howard was presented by Dr. Williams on behalf of Mrs. Howard at the last annual meeting.

The donations for the year 1915 are as follows:

Books: American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons, 1; American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 1; American Climatological Association, 1; American Gynecological Society, 1; American Laryngological Association, 1; American Laryngological, Rhinological and Otological Society, 1; American Library Association, 1; American Laryngological, Rhinological and Otological Society, 1; American Library Association, 1;

sociation, 1; American Medical Association (through the BULLETIN), 2; American Otological Society, 1; American Pediatric Society, 1; American Proctologic Society, 1; American Society of Tropical Medicine, 1; American Surgical Association, 1; American Urological Association, 2; Association of American Physicians, 1; Baltimore Department of Health, 1; Dr. L. F. Barker, 3; Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, New York, 1; P. Blakiston's Son & Co. (through the BULLETIN), 2; Dr. J. C. Bloodgood, 19; Boston State Hospital, 1; Dr. C. W. Branin, 15; Mr. Horace Brown, 6; Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2; College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 2; District of Columbia Health Department, 2; Dr. E. Douglas, 12; Dr. W. R. Dunton, 1; Dr. S. T. Earle, 9; Enoch Pratt Free Library, 1; Dr. S. J. Fort, 12; Frick Fund, 123 (Dr. T. McCrae, 2; Sir William Osler, 14; Dr. H. B. Jacobs, 20; by purchase, 87); Dr. H. Friedenwald, 24; Dr. W. S. Gardner, 1; Georgia Medical Society, 15; Dr. A. C. Gillis, 3; Hawaii Board of Health, 1; John Crerar Library, 1; Dr. A. B. Judson, 6; Lane Medical Library, 1; Lea & Febiger (through the BULLETIN), 2; Leland Stanford Junior University, 1; J. B. Lippincott Co. (through the Bulle-TIN), 3; MacMillan Co. (through the BULLETIN), 1; Maryland Pharmaceutical Association, 1; Massachusetts General Hospital, 2; Medical Association of the Isthmian Canal Zone, 1; Medical Library Association, 10; New York State Board of Health, 1; New York Surgical Society, 1; Philadelphia General Hospital, 1; Dr. J. H. Pleasants, 4; Dr. A. C. Pole, 12; Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, 3; Rockefeller Sanitary Commission for the Eradication of Hookworm, 1; Roosevelt Hospital, New York, 1; Dr. J. Ruhräh, 8; Dr. W. W. Russell, 3; W. B. Saunders & Co. (through the BULLETIN), 6; Dr. Mary Sherwood, 10; Society of New York Hospitals, 1; Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association, 1; Southwest Medical and Surgical Association, 1; Surgeon General's Office, 2; Dr. S. Theobald, 15; United Fruit Co. Medical Department, 1; United States Bureau of the Census, 1; United States Bureau of Education, 2; United States Public Health Service, 7; United States Superintendent of Documents, 1; University of Pennsylvania, Department of Neurology and Neuropathology, 1; Vermont State Medical Society, 1; Dr. L. Welsh, 1; Dr. L. B. Whitham, 1; Dr. J. W. Williams, 20; Wistar Institute of Anatomy and

Reprints, Monographs, etc.: American Association for the Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality, 30; American Society for the Control of Cancer, 15; Dr. W. S. Bainbridge, 1; Drs. W. H. Barber and J. W. Draper, 1; Battle Creek Sanitarium, 1; Boston State Hospital, 1; Dr. W. M. Brickner, 4; Dr. C. M. Byrnes, 2; Canal Zone Medical Association, 2; Dr. A. H. Carroll, 4; Church Home and Infirmary, 2; Dr. L. G. Cole, 7; Mr. T. C. Corner, 4; Dr. I. Dyer, 2; Enoch Pratt Free Library, 2; Dr. H. Fox, 1; Dr. H. Friedenwald, 227; Dr. E. S. Gardner, 14; Georgia Medical Society, 4; Georgia Municipal Laboratory, 3; Dr. S. P. Goodhart, 1; Dr. L. V. Hamman, 14; Hawaii Board of Health, 1; Dr. A. P. Herring, 4; Mr. J. A. Holden, 1; Dr. B. Holmes, 4; Dr. H. B. Jacobs, 1; John Crerar Library, 1; Dr. A. B. Judson, 363; Dr. A. C. Klebs, 3; Dr. G. F. Libby, 2; Dr. S. J. Maher, 3; Medical Society of Hawaii, 1; Michigan State Medical Society, 1; Dr. C. K. Miller, 1; New York Academy of Medicine, 2; New York Conference on Hospital Social Service, 1; Dr. E. Novak, 10; Sir W. Osler, 2; Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, 37; Dr. J. H. Pleasants, 63; Dr. A. J. Quimby, 3; Rockefeller Foundation International Health Commission, 1; Dr. J. Ruhräh, 3; Dr. W. W. Russell, 130; Savannah Dept. of Health, 1; Dr. H. M. Simmons, 1; Dr. W. B. Swift, 5; Dr. S. Theobald, 1556; U. S. Department of Agriculture, 2; United States Public Health Service, 30; University of Michigan, 1; Dr.

C. W. Vest, 2; Dr. J. W. Williams, 190; Dr. T. A. Williams, 9; Dr. J. C. Wilson, 1; Dr. R. Winslow, 1.

Miscellaneous unbound journals: Dr. H. E. Ashbury; Dr. L. F. Barker; Dr. J. C. Bloodgood; Dr. J. A. Chatard; Dr. T. S. Cullen; Dr. S. T. Earle; Enoch Pratt Free Library; Dr. J. M. T. Finney; Dr. H. Friedenwald; Dr. L. V. Hamman; Dr. F. E. Hoopes; Dr. H. B. Jacobs; Dr. J. H. Pleasants; Dr. W. W. Russell; Dr. M. Sherwood; Dr. S. Theobald; Dr. L. Welsh.

The record of current journals for the year is as follows:

Subscribed to by the Faculty	73
Subscribed to by Book and Journal Club	48
By Exchange	70
Baker Fund	3
Finney Fund	20
Frick Fund	1
Gift of the American Medical Association	4
Gift of Dr. L. F. Barker	1
Gift of Dr. C. M. Byrnes	1
Gift of Dr. H. Friedenwald	1
Gift of Sir William Osler	2
Gift of Dr. J. Ruhräh	6
Gift of U. S. Public Health Service	2
Gift of Dr. J. W. Williams	2
	234

181 journals and books were bound during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

MARCIA C. NOYES, Librarian.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1915.

Receipts.

Balance, December 31, 1915\$138.09	
Income	
Interest	
	\$602.82
Expenses.	
Binding	
Subscription to journals (21 files)	
Books (17 v.)	
Total	350.87
Balance	\$251.95

JOURNALS SUBSCRIBED TO BY FINNEY COMMITTEE.

American Journal of Orthopedic Surgery.

Annals of Surgery.

Archiv für Klinische Chirurgie.

Beiträge zur Klinischen Chirurgie.

British Journal of Surgery.

Bulletin de la Soc. d. Obstetrique de Paris.

Centralblatt für Chirurgie.

Centralblatt für die Grenzgebiete der Medizin und Chirurgie.

Deutsche Zeitschrift für Chirurgie.

Folia Urologica.

International Abstract of Surgery (In Surgery, Gynecology and Obstetrics).

Journal d'Chirurgie.

Mitt. a. d. Grenz. der Med. und Chirurgie.

Monatsschrift für Geburt und Gynäkologie.

Revue de Chirurgie.

Revue de Orthopedie.

Surgery, Gynecology and Obstetrics.

Zeit. für Geburt und Gynäkologie.

Zentralblatt für die Gesamte Gynäkologie.

Monatsschrift für Ohrenheilkunde.

Frommels Jahresbericht für Gynäkologie.

BOOKS PURCHASED BY FINNEY COMMITTEE.

Exner, A., ed. Kriegschirurgie in den Balkankriegen, 1912-1913. 1915.

Horsley, J. S. Surgery of the blood vessels. 1915.

Brunings, W., and Albrecht, W., eds. Direkte Endoskopie der Luft-und Speisewege. 1915.

Nutt, J. J. Diseases and deformities of the foot. 1915.

Rovsing, J. Abdominal surgery. 1914.

Johnson, A. B. Surgical diagnosis. 3 v. 1911.

Wood, C. A., ed. American encyclopedia and dictionary of ophthalmology. v. 5, 6, 7. 1914—1915.

Loeb, W. H. Operative surgery of the nose, throat and ear. v. 1. 1914.

Gwathmey, J. T. Anesthesia. 1914.

Murphy, J. B. Surgical Clinics. v. 2 and 3. 1914.

La Vauguion, M.de A compleat body of chirurgical operations. 1716.

Kuster, E. Geschichte der neueren deutschen Chirurgie. 1915.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL EDUCATION.

HERBERT HARLAN, M.D., Chairman.

The most important event in the way of Medical Education since the last annual meeting of this Society is the establishment of The National Board of Medical Examiners. At the Conference on Medical Education at Chicago in February, this Board was freely and fully discussed from various standpoints, and so much has been published about it in the medical journals that I do not think it necessary to give any extended account of it here. It is expected that the first examination of the National Board will be held in Washington next September.

The next most important matter was the adoption of the standard of two years of college work preliminary to entrance for all the medical schools of the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Among the bills which passed the Maryland Legislature was one amending the law regulating the practice of medicine so as to allow the Board of Medical Examiners to accept the examination of the National Board in lieu of its own examination.

There was also a bill passed regulating the Practice of Chiropody and providing for a Board of Chiropody consisting of one member of the Board of Medical Examiners and three chiropodists selected by the Board of Medical Examiners.

Respectfully submitted.

HERBERT HARLAN, R. WINSLOW.

REPORT OF MEMOIR COMMITTEE TO THE MEDICAL AND CHIRUR-GICAL FACULTY OF MARYLAND, APRIL 25, 1916.

Henry Chandlee, M.D., was born in Baltimore in 1853. He received the degree of M.D. from the University of Maryland in 1882. He was a graduate of the Hahnemann Hospital of Philadelphia. He offered his services in the Boer war and started for Africa but peace was declared while he was in Europe. He was one of the leading experts in X-Ray work in the city, having charge of it in his connection with the University of Maryland. He died April 19, 1916, aged 62 years.

L. A. CONRADI, M.D., was born in 1843. He obtained his medical education at the Baltimore University School of Medicine and graduated from there in 1892. He died July 17, 1915.

ELISHA C. ETCHISON, M.D., was born near Damascus, Md. In 1874 he received the degree of M.D. from the University of Maryland. He was Mayor of Gaithersburgh for four terms and a member of the House of Delegates 1893–1895. He died February 5, 1916.

CHARLES FARQUHAR, M.D., was born in 1841. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1885. He died February 1, 1916.

LUTHER H. KELLER, M.D., was born in 1840 at Strasburg, Va. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore gave him the degree of M.D. in 1875. He practiced in Luray, Va., for twenty years and then removed to Hagerstown. He was President of the Washington County Confederate Memorial Association and Cumberland Valley Medical Association. He was found dead in his chair on the porch of Washington County Hospital, September 30, 1915. He was 75 years of age.

WILLIAM EDWARD MOSLEY, M.D., was born at Petersham, Mass., May 22, 1848. His literary education was obtained at Antioch, Ohio.

In 1874 Harvard University Medical School, conferred upon him the degree of M.D. the same year he came to Baltimore where he remained until his death. In 1881 he went to New York and spent a year on the Staff of the Woman's Hospital.

He was Gynaecologist to the Union Protestant Infirmary and Maryland General Hospital; President of the Clinical Society of Maryland, of the Gynaecological and Obstetrical Society of Baltimore, of the Harvard Club of Maryland and of the Alumni Association of the Woman's Hospital of New York.

He was for several years from 1897 Professor of Diseases of Women and Children in the Baltimore Medical College.

He died in Baltimore February 10, 1916, aged 68 years.

BENJAMIN L. SMITH, M.D., was born in 1838. He received his medical education at the University of Maryland and was graduated in 1859. He was a member and

for five terms chief clerk of the House of Delegates. He died at Madison, Md., November 23, 1915, aged 77 years.

St. Clair Spruill, M.D., was born in Columbia, N. C., July 28, 1866.

His medical education was obtained at the University of Maryland where he graduated in 1890.

He spent a year as Resident Physician to the Lying-In Hospital of the University of Maryland and in 1892 he was made Superintendent of the University Hospital which position he held until 1898.

He was Surgeon to the University and Hebrew Hospitals, attending surgeon to the Maryland General Hospital, Emergency Hospital at Annapolis, chief surgeon to the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Railroad and consulting surgeon to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, major and surgeon to the 5th Maryland Regiment 1902–04.

He died June 24, 1915, aged 49 years.

DAVID STREETT, A.M., M.D., was born at Chrome Hill, Harford County, Maryland, October 17, 1855.

His literary education was obtained at Bethel Academy. He received his medical education at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore and graduated in 1878. In 1895 Loyola College conferred upon him the honorary degree of A.M.

He was resident physician at the Maternité, College of Physicians and Surgeons, and of the City Hospital, the former position he held from 1878 to 1879 and the latter from 1879 to 1880; Professor of Practice of Medicine in Baltimore Medical College 1885 and Dean from 1888 until its merger with the University of Maryland in 1914.

He was President of the Medical and Surgical Society 1891-92, of the Baltimore Medical Association and Vice-President of this Faculty 1891-92; 1899-1900.

He was a member of the University and Flint Clubs, member of the Board of Charities and Corrections and an elder in the Franklin Street Presbyterian Church. He was a Democratic member of the Baltimore City Council 1883–1885. Several books and papers were written by him.

He died July 20, 1915, aged 60 years.

GEORGE LANE TANEYHILL, A.B., A.M., M.D., was born in Bellefonte, Pa., March 11, 1840.

His literary education was obtained at Dickinson Seminary from which he received the degree of A.B. in 1858.

He taught school until 1863 and in 1865 he having completed his medical course at the University of Maryland received the degree of M.D. In 1882 Dickinson College conferred upon him the degree of A.M.

He was Assistant Surgeon to the 11th Maryland regiment; Assistant Physician at the Maryland Hospital for the Insane 1865–68; President Baltimore Medical Association 1874–75; School, Commissioner, a member of the Pension Examining Board, Vice-President Baltimore Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society, a founder of this Faculty 1882–1894. He was very active in and a prominent member of medical life in this city.

He died March 2, 1916, aged 76 years.

CHARLES L. WACHTER, M.D. was born in 1856. In 1884 he received the degree of M.D. from the College of Physicians and Surgeons. He was a member of the Frederick County School Board and a Director in the Thurmont Bank. He died February 3, 1916, aged 60 years.



E. E. WISEHART, M.D., was born in 1887. He received the degree of M.D. from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia in 1911. He died January 29, 1916.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH T. SMITH, Chairman.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Fund for Widows and Orphans submits the following report.

As will be seen by the Statement of the Treasurer for 1915 only a small portion of the Relief Fund was expended during the past year.

The disbursements may be summarized as follows: to the widow of a physician \$10.00. To the orphan of a physician various small sums at irregular intervals aggregating \$12.40. This applicant at the close of the year made another appeal for assistance and a box containing various articles of merchandise, wearing apparel, medicine, etc.—valuation \$8.24—was forwarded to her.

This disbursement will appear in the Treasurer's report for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Robinson, Chairman.

DECEASED

Dr. Victor Davis Miller, Sr., one of the best known physicians in Washington County died Thursdav evening, May 25, at his home at Mason and Dixon, after a brief illness from peritonitis, aged 78 years.

Dr. Miller was born on February 1, 1838, near Williamsport, son of Albertus A. and Harriet (Davis) Miller. He obtained his literary education in the public schools and at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., under the able tuition of Dr. Chas. Michael, who was his preceptor during his whole course of study. He attended Jefferson Medical College from which he was graduated in 1861. He began to practice in Franklin County, Pa., not far from the home where he died and in this neighborhood he followed his profession with marked success until he was compelled to retire on account of his health.

On March 13, 1866 Dr. Miller married Alice J. Rench, daughter of Andrew Rench, of this county.

Dr. Miller was a Democrat and served as coroner in Franklin County from 1864 to 1866. He was candidate for State Legislature in 1881. He was a member of Washington County Medical Society, Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland.

He is survived by three sons, all well known practising physicians in the county: Dr. DeWitt Clinton R. Miller, State Line; Dr. W. Preston Miller, and Dr. Victor D. Miller, Jr., both of Hagerstown: Mrs. C. N. Gabriel, Baltimore, Mrs. H. H. Spangler, Mercersburg, and Miss Mary Miller at home.

MEDICAL NOTES.

- Dr. J. Clement Clark has been reëlected Superintendent of the Springfield State Hospital for the Insane at Sykesville.
- Drs. F. C. Eldred and G. C. McCormick entertained the members of the Baltimore County Medical Association, July 19 at a crab feast at Sparrows Point. The occasion was a most pleasant one and the afternoon concluded with a trip through the plant of the Maryland Steel Company.

In response to the advice given by Dr. John S. Fulton, Secretary of the State Board of Health, there has been a large demand for health certificates by people who have to pass through or stop in New York City. In many of the New England cities the incoming passengers are closely scrutinized for any evidence of infantile paralysis.

The report of Mount Hope Retreat for 1915 was issued this month by Dr. Charles G. Hill, physician in chief. This is the seventy-third annual report of this institution.

At a recent meeting of the State Lunacy Commission, it was decided, in coöperation with other organizations, to begin a campaign for the conservation of the mental health of the community. The schools, city and county, correctional institutions, State hospitals and families and individuals under the charge of Charity organizations will be carefully studied. Public meetings where this subject will be discussed, will be held through out the State.

COUNTY SOCIETY MEETING.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY SOCIETY

The Anne Arundel County Medical Society held its regular meeting at the Emergency Hospital, on July 11, 1916. The following members were present: Drs. C. R. Winterson, F. H. Thompson, T. P. Benson, C. B. Henkel, J. J. Murphy, J. O. Purvis, W. H. Hopkins, and Frances E. Weitzman. Dr. J. O. Purvis presented two very interesting clinical cases before the Society:

First case. Abscess of the uterus, incision and drainage.

Second case. Pathological fracture of the humerus with X-ray pictures of humerus.

Discussion was opened by Drs. C. R. Winterson, Thompson and Benson.

BOOK REVIEWS.

Surgical and Gynaecological Nursing. By Edward Mason Parker, M.D., F.A.C.S., Surgeon to Providence Hospital, Washington, D. C.; and Scott Dudley Breck-inridge, M.D., F.A.C.S., Gynaecologist to Providence Hospital, Washington, D.C. J. B. Lippincott Company, 1916, pp. 425; 134 illus.

This little book of Parker and Breckinridge can be recommended to nurses and others who are desirous of information about surgical and gynaecological matters. The book is rather complete in that it gives a very considerable amount of information which has no very direct bearing upon nursing itself, and the authors state that these things have been included with the sole idea of emphasizing the importance of certain nursing duties, as the sterilization of instruments and dressings, the accurate noticing and recording of signs and symptoms, or the preparation of materials necessary for the proper surgical treatment of specified conditions. The amount of extraneous information thus given seems to the reviewer to be unnecessarily large. This tendency of recent days to make nursing books veritable text-books of medicine would seem to us to be a mistake, not that there is anything wrong in the nurse understanding the various pathological changes that go on in diseases and tumor formation and the like, but that it makes a book twice as long as there is any need. It makes a very busy person hunt through considerable amount of material to get just what she is after. This has been obviated in the present instance by a

very good index and a very systematic arrangement so that one can turn immediately to what one desires. Still, the principle holds good. The illustrations are numerous and for the most part show pretty well what it is intended to emphasize. Taken all in all the book can be commended to the class of workers for whom it was prepared.

Outlines of Internal Medicine for the Use of Nurses. By CLIFFORD B. FARR. The Nurses' Text Book Series, Lea and Febiger. 1915.

Intended as a basis for a course of lectures to nurses on internal medicine and as a book of reference for undergraduate and graduate nurses, this volume of 393 pages is on the whole satisfactory. In the presentation of individual subjects it is sufficiently inclusive and yet brief. The various topics considered are set forth with directness and clarity.

The subjects of the prophylaxis of the infectious diseases is properly dealt with at some length, for in preventing the dissemination of infection from patients, the nurse plays a most important rôle.

Inaccuracy of definition is occasionally found, e.g., p. 28, air hunger (extremely rapid breathing); incorrect statement of fact occurs, e. g., p. 31, "hysterical convulsions however are not accompanied by true unconsciousness;" p. 267, transmission of typhus fever by ticks, treatment is often inadequately described, e.g., p. 45, in dealing with epilepsy, and so on.

Though such shortcomings are in evidence, the book in its entirety is more satisfactory than most so-called "textbooks for nurses."

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- 2. That oil which possesses the highest natural viscosity, with the highest specific gravity, because such an oil will pass through the intestine more slowly than a lighter and thinner oil and lubricate the walls of the gut more completely, and soften fæces more effectually, and is not likely to produce dribbling.
- 3. That oil which is really colorless, odorless and tasteless, because palatability favors persistence in treatment.

The oil which meets all these requirements is

Liquid Petrolatum, Squibb

Heavy (Californian)

It is a pure, colorless, odorless and tasteless Mineral Oil, specially refined under our control only by the Standard Oil Company of California which has no connection with any other standard oil company. This oil has the very high specific gravity of 0.886 to 0.892 at 15°C. (or 0.881 to 0.887 at 25°C.) and has also an exceptionally high natural viscosity. It is sold solely under the Squibb label and guaranty and may be had at all leading drug stores.

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